

## Five Things Everyone Should Know about RSS Headlines

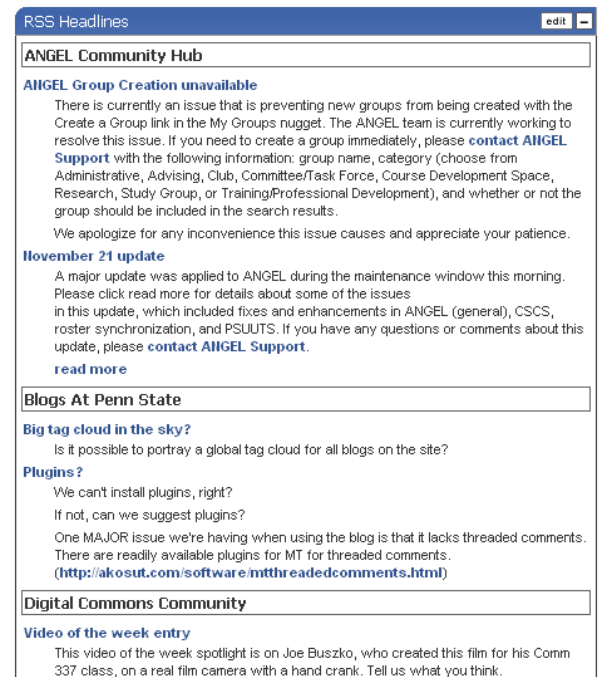
RSS stands for “really simple syndication” and is a Web format used to gather frequently updated content such as blog entries, news headlines, or podcasts. Content in an RSS format is read using a feed reader, also called an RSS aggregator, such as the **RSS Headlines** tool in ANGEL.

Here are five things everyone should be aware of regarding **RSS Headlines**:

1. The **RSS Headlines** component can be added to the **My Profile** page through the **Edit Page** option.
2. Unlike standard hyperlinks that you use to jump to your favorite Web sites in order to check for updates, the **RSS Headlines** component pulls in any new content from them in the form of a headline.
3. The headline is actually a direct link to the blog entry, news story, or podcast and is usually accompanied with a brief description of the topic. The automated process makes it easier for you to keep up with what is happening on your favorite sites.
4. You have the option of selecting an RSS feed from the list provided in ANGEL or you can add your own feed by selecting the **Other** button and entering the feed address and then naming it.
  - ANGEL Community Hub:  
<http://ets.tlt.psu.edu/angel/rss.xml>
  - The Blogs at Penn State Community:  
<http://blogger.psu.edu/rss.xml>
  - Digital Commons at Penn State Community:  
<http://digitalcommons.psu.edu/rss.xml>
  - Education Technology Services:  
<http://ets.tlt.psu.edu/?feed=rss2>
  - Information Technology Services:  
<https://mac.its.psu.edu/news/news.rss>
5. Some RSS feeds you may be interested in subscribing to include:

To add one or all of these feeds to your **RSS Headlines** component:

1. Click the **edit** button in the **RSS Headlines** toolbar.
2. Click the **Other** button to the right of the **Sources** pull-down menu.
3. Enter the RSS feed URL into the first pop-up box and click the **OK** button.
4. Enter the title of the RSS feed into the second pop-up box and click the **OK** button.
5. (Optional) Check the **Show Titles** check box to display the title of each RSS feed.
6. Click the **OK** button.



The screenshot shows the 'RSS Headlines' toolbar with an 'edit' button. Below it, a list of feeds is displayed:

- ANGEL Community Hub**
  - ANGEL Group Creation unavailable**  
There is currently an issue that is preventing new groups from being created with the Create a Group link in the My Groups nugget. The ANGEL team is currently working to resolve this issue. If you need to create a group immediately, please **contact ANGEL Support** with the following information: group name, category (choose from Administrative, Advising, Club, Committee/Task Force, Course Development Space, Research, Study Group, or Training/Professional Development), and whether or not the group should be included in the search results.  
We apologize for any inconvenience this issue causes and appreciate your patience.
  - November 21 update**  
A major update was applied to ANGEL during the maintenance window this morning. Please click read more for details about some of the issues in this update, which included fixes and enhancements in ANGEL (general), CSCS, roster synchronization, and PSUJUTS. If you have any questions or comments about this update, please **contact ANGEL Support**.  
[read more](#)
- Blogs At Penn State**
  - Big tag cloud in the sky?**  
Is it possible to portray a global tag cloud for all blogs on the site?
  - Plugins?**  
We can't install plugins, right?  
If not, can we suggest plugins?  
One MAJOR issue we're having when using the blog is that it lacks threaded comments. There are readily available plugins for MT for threaded comments.  
(<http://akosut.com/software/mththreadedcomments.html>)
- Digital Commons Community**
  - Video of the week entry**  
This video of the week spotlight is on Joe Buszko, who created this film for his Comm 337 class, on a real film camera with a hand crank. Tell us what you think.

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## To Find out More about RSS Headlines

To learn more about this and other topics related to ANGEL, Penn State's Course Management System, check out the ANGEL Community Hub at <http://ets.tlt.psu.edu/angel/>.